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PANEL COMPRISING A LOCKING SYSTEM						
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Transmitted herewith for filing is the above-referenced U.S. National Phase Application of PCT International Patent Application No. PCT/DE2004/001419. Enclosed are:

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- 2. Copy of the Published International Application (25 pages having 6 pages of drawings sheets) and International Search Report (6 pages).
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